

## PERSONALS.

Information is desired concerning recent whereabouts of Eugene O'Connor, formerly a member of the New York City Police Department, who is now in New York City. O'Connor and wife, who are now in New York City, are now in New York City.

MARTIN BRENNAN, deceased, was a member of the New York City Police Department, who is now in New York City. O'Connor and wife, who are now in New York City, are now in New York City.

## LOST AND FOUND.

A REMAIN OF \$500 WILL BE PAID FOR the return of a gold watch, which was lost by a member of the New York City Police Department, who is now in New York City.

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## PA KNICKERBOCKER

## MAY BE A MILKMAN

District Attorney Swann Proposes That City Market Supply at Cost.

## TEN CENT PRICE LIKELY

Sheffield Farms Official Condemns Idea as Amateurish and Dangerous.

District Attorney Swann has a plan whereby he thinks the people of New York city might get the daily milk supply of 2,500,000 quarts that the big distributors say they cannot bring here. He would have the city take the money realized through the army food sales and start in the milk business itself. He would have seventy-three public health stations and 300 school houses turned into emporiums where milk might be dispensed in regulated containers at a cost, Mr. Swann thinks, of about 10 cents a quart.

Mr. Swann communicated this idea yesterday to Edwin J. O'Malley, Commissioner of Markets, who said he would cooperate with him in trying to effect it. He purpose to talk on Monday with

Rossell B. Cooper, president of the Dairy Farmers' League, a milkman who is in charge of making arrangements for the procuring of the milk from the farmers.

Meanwhile Mr. Swann announced he has been assumed by Henry A. Guller, Assistant United States Attorney, that a federal inquiry has been begun into the action of the Sheffield Farms Company in posting notices at all its plants on State Avenue dairymen to decrease the supply of milk. The matter, he said, has been assigned by Francis J. Caffrey, United States Attorney, to Mr. Guller, in order that the latter, if possible, may apply the law to that wartime measure which forbids reduction of the supply of necessities.

Persons connected with the milk distributing industry were inclined to look upon Mr. Swann's plan as amateurish. Irish G. Jennings, of the Good Will Department of the Sheffield Farms Company, said to him at his office at 150 Fifth Avenue, that he wondered how it would be possible to pasture the milk under such an arrangement and to supply otherwise with the health regulations.

"The milk that is sold in New York city," he said, "must come from healthy cows, milked and handled in a sanitary manner. It must be delivered within two hours after milking. It must be pasteurized. It must be distributed in sterile containers and properly labeled, thus guaranteeing the conditions."

In defending the action of the Sheffield company in requesting farmers to decrease the supply, he said: "How would the farmers be able to produce the milk for the city market, if they were not advised? Why should they be allowed to buy more cows, to increase a glutted market and thus sell the milk at a loss and probably their cows as well. The demand for milk is not dependent so much as it is popularly supposed upon the number of dairymen."

An enormous quantity of perishable food destined for the New York market will be wasted because of the milk strike, Prof. William Z. Rindles, chairman of the National Adjustment Commission, said yesterday. Each spring, vegetables and strawberries grown in the Southern States will rot. The railroads lack refrigerating cars and cannot revive the situation, he said.

The up-to-date first week of which ended yesterday, is complete. With the exception of the Fall River passenger steamboats, coastwise shipping has ceased to function and settlement seems remote.

H. B. Walker, president of the Old Dominion Line, denied a rumor from Norfolk that his company plans to resume permanently from the coastwise trade and start a new line to Cuba.

Prospect of the harbor situation becoming further complicated by the walk-out of 8,000 workers on railroad lines and lighters, as well as the latest demands of the marine engineers, masters, mates and pilots, who want approximately 50 per cent. more pay.

The police and the District Attorney's office say the man's real name is Hugo Neull. He was held in \$1,000 bail Thursday by Magistrate Corrigan in Tombs court on complaint of Miss Sarah Farkas, of 940 Kelly street, who identified him as her assailant. The case has been adjourned until next Thursday, and Neull has furnished bail.

More than a dozen women and girls who have complained recently of having clothes slashed on the subway and elevated lines, are expected to appear against Neill. At the arraignment Thursday Neill said he was employed by the city as a janitor, and lives at 54 Wall street. The company denies this, but says there is a man named Hugo Neull on its books, and that he has been missing since Tuesday.

When the man giving his name as Hugo Neull was convicted of assault in the third degree last December before Justice Edwards, several prominent persons among them former Gov. Charles S. Whitman, interceded and obtained a writ of reasonable doubt from the Supreme Court. Neull was released on \$1,000 bail pending the result of the appeal.

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## TAX FRAUD CHARGE

Jury Rejects Story of \$25,000 Bribe.

After forty-five minutes' deliberation a jury in the Federal District Court found Jay A. Weber, secretary of the Pictorial Review Company, not guilty yesterday of the Government charges that he offered a \$25,000 bribe to internal revenue agents in connection with income tax returns of the company.

Judge Cushman, charging the jurors, who listened to the testimony for ten days, instructed them to return a verdict of not guilty if they felt Weber believed the tax return of the company to be correct and legal. If he did, then they were to return a verdict of guilty if they felt Weber had offered a \$25,000 bribe to internal revenue agents in connection with income tax returns of the company.

"The verdict speaks for itself," Weber remarked. He was surrounded immediately by friends and deluged with congratulations when the decision was announced. Weber was arrested and indicted on four counts, specifying that he gave \$500 to Nathaniel W. Gropper, an internal revenue examiner, as a first installment of a \$25,000 bribe, in return for which Gropper was to certify to false tax returns of the company.

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